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*Big time news for small town folks*

**Elmore Gazette**

Girl Locked in Vault Saved by Shoesalesman

Amy Webb

Mr. Adams, The Elmore Bank manager, hugged his granddaughter like it was the last time he would ever see her. “I don’t how I could live with myself if any harm was done to her,” Adams stated somberly. It was only an hour ago that he was smiling and boasting to his family about being the proud recipient of a new safe and vault. This small but newly advanced safe was equipped with a patented door, time lock, and was fastened with three solid steel bolts. However, this admired safe and vault soon turned into Adam’s worst nightmare.

Adam’s family visited the bank early Friday afternoon to view the latest addition to the bank. As Adams beamingly explained the new contraption to his daughters, Annabel and Corrine, and future son-in-law, Ralph Spencer, his granddaughters, May and Agatha, played nearby. Unknowingly, young Agatha was locked into the vault by her sister. Unfortunately, the new combination had not yet been set for the vault, and the nearest locksmith was over 60 miles away in Little Rock. “I screamed with agony in the thought of my precious darling dying of suffocation, but our wonderful Mr. Spencer came to the rescue,” stated Agatha’s mother.

Sources state that shoe salesman, Mr. Ralph Spencer, obtained a drill from his briefcase. With this tool he was able to unlock the vault and rescue young Agatha. The question that remains: Why would a shoe salesman need a drill? Mr. Spencer and his fiancé, Anabell Adams, were not present at the time of this interview. Further analysis of this situation will be researched and reported in a timely fashion.

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The Elmore Bank new safe and vault

***Restaurant Fundraises for Local Family LLocaFamilyFamily***

***J. W. Samuelson’s Shoe Sale***

**H. K. Pierson**

**Mike’s Restaurant, a highly visited family dinner in Elmore, has been open since 1889. Most visitors comment on the high quality food and friendly service of Mike’s Restaurant, but this week this well-known establishment deserves even more recognition. This weekend Mike’s Restaurant is donating 20% of all profits to the McNorman family who recently lost their home in a tragic fire last month. The McNorman family consists of Gerald and Elizabeth McNorman and their four children, Mary, Theodore, James, and Susan. Bring your own family down this weekend for a delicious meal and donate towards this wonderful cause.**

**Casey Jones**

**J. W. Samuelson’s shoes are stylish, easy fitting, and give better satisfaction than any other shoe made. Try one pair and be convinced! The stamping of J. W. Samuelson’s name and price are on the bottom, which guarantees their value. Buy one pair get one pair half off sale begins today and lasts until Sunday! \*Free shoe shine coupon with every purchase.**

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**3 Day Weekend Weather Forecast**

**Today Saturday Sunday**

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